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Simone de Beauvoir and her feminist thought in Mexico

Simone de Beauvoir died in Paris on April 14th, 1986, thirty years ago. A long time has passed since then and, however, fresh footprints still appear in certain feminist souls that Beauvoir stamped. This lecture will be divided in two parts.

First, we will try to remember Beauvoir's life and work throughout the twentieth century. For this, we will focus on the concept of existentialism that she developed in part of her work and also with Jean-Paul Sartre; we'll talk about the place and leading role of Beauvoir in feminism history, french and international, after publishing *The Second Sex* in 1949. Secondly, we'll observe how Simone de Beauvoir's ideas are still valid nowadays in Mexico, as those embodied in her life as those reflected in her work. For this, we'll distinguish two levels of answers, because everything depends on whether we reflect from the feminist and gender thought, or if we turn to the everyday reality of certain Mexican women.



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